

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5, 8, 14-16 and 18-21 are now pending in this application, claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-13 and 17 having been cancelled and new claim 21 added by the present Amendment.

Rejections in view of the Prior Art

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by **Johnson et al.** (US 2004/0164939). Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over **Johnson et al.** in view of **Nagai et al.** (US 2002/163514). For the reasons set forth in detail below, these rejections, to the extent they are considered to apply to the presently amended claims, are respectfully traversed.

Initially, it is noted that claims 1, 8, 14-16 and 18 have been amended to clarify the invention. Support for the amendments to claim 1 is provided in original claim 6, original claim 8 and paragraphs [0045] through [0047] of the published application; support for the amendments to claim 8 is provided in paragraphs [0045] and [0046] of the published application; support for the amendments to claim 14 is provided in paragraph [0047] of the published application; support for the amendments to claim 15 is provided in paragraph [0048] of the published application; support for the amendments to claim 16 is provided in paragraph [0050] of the published application; support for the amendments to claim 18 is provided in paragraphs [0045] through [0050] of the published application.

Claim 1 of present invention requires a configuration in which the value of the current is at least measured after a first predetermined time has passed from the starting point and after a second predetermined time has passed from the starting point, such that a defect pattern in the light-emitting display panel, the lighting drive device or the connecting portion between the light-emitting display panel and the lighting drive device is identified.

It is respectfully submitted that neither **Johnson et al.** (US2004/0164939) nor **Nagai et al.** (US2002/0163514) disclose or suggest the above-noted features recited in independent claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as presently recited in claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art and is novel and unobvious. Further, each of claims 5, 8, 14-16 and 21 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are also allowable by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Independent claim 18 requires “a current value measure step at which a value of a current passing in a pixel including the self-light-emitting element after a first predetermined time has passed from the starting point for supplying the current and a second predetermined time has passed,” “a determination step... to identify the defect pattern” and that “a storage notification unit for performing a notification function on the basis of the presence/absence of defects determined by said determination and said coordinate or the defect patterns is activated according to the defect state determined at the determination step.”

It is respectfully submitted that the above-noted steps are not disclosed or suggested by **Johnson et al.** (US2004/0164939) and **Nagai et al.** (US2002/0163514). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as presently recited in claim 18 patentably distinguishes

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over the cited prior art and is novel and unobvious. Further, each of claims 19-20 depend from claim 18 and are also allowable by virtue of their dependency on claim 18.

CONCLUSION

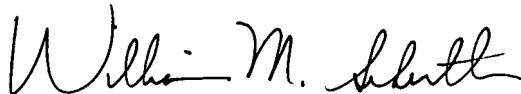
In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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